<u>**Clean Version Of The Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):**</u>

Claims 1-39, now pending, are submitted below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), which presents a clean version of the entire set of pending claims.

1. (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:

retrieving configuration details associated with a potential trading partner from a remote site; and

automatically configuring a trading relationship with the potential trading partner using the configuration details.

2. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieving comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the configuration details.

3. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the automatically configuring comprises:

creating a trading partner record; and

automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration details.

4. (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a method comprising:

collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner participating in the commerce trading system; and

publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

5. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

6. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

7. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the Web site is associated with the trading partner.

8. (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:

creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner;

retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner from a remote site; and

populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved from the remote site.

9. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the retrieving comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the configuration details posted to a Web site.

10. (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship between first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:

collecting configuration details associated with the first trading partner;

publishing the configuration details to a Web site;

creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first trading partner;

retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner from the Web site; and

populating the trading partner record with the configuration details associated with the first trading partner.

11. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

12. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

13. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

14. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the Web site.

15. (Unchanged) A system comprising:

a first computer system at a first trading partner;

a second computer system at a second trading partner;

a Web site;

the first computer system collecting configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to the Web site; and

the second computer system retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically configure for a trading relationship with the first trading partner using the configuration details.

16. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first computer system hosts the Web site.

17. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first computer system presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

18. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first computer system posts the configuration details in XML format.

19. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first computer system posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

20. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the second computer system addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

21. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the second computer system creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the trading partner record with the configuration details.

22. (Unchanged) A electronic commerce system, comprising:

a first component at a first trading partner, the first component collecting configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a Web site; and

a second component at a second trading partner, the second component retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically configuring a trading relationship with the second trading partner using the configuration details.

23. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the first component presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

24. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the first component posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

25. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 24, wherein the second component addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

26. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the second component creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the trading partner record with the configuration details.

27. (Unchanged) A software architecture for an electronic commerce system having trading partners that exchange data over a network, comprising:

first program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a first trading partner, the first program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, collect configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to a Web site; and

second program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a second trading partner, the second program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, retrieve the configuration details

from the Web site and automatically configure a trading relationship with the second trading partner using the configuration details.

28. (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing computer-executable instructions for:

collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner that participates in electronic commerce; and

publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

29. (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing computer-executable instructions for:

creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner that participates in electronic commerce;

retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner from a Web site; and

populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved from the Web site.

30. (Added) A method for establishing a trading relationship between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:

retrieving configuration details associated with a first potential trading partner from a remote site by a second potential trading partner;

retrieving configuration details associated with the second potential trading partner from a remote site by the first potential trading partner; and

automatically configuring a trading relationship with the first and the second potential trading partners using the configuration details.

31. (Added) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the retrieving comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the configuration details of the first and the second trading partners.

32. (Added) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the automatically configuring comprises:

creating a trading partner record; and

automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration details.

33. (Added) A method for establishing a trading relationship between first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:

collecting first and second configuration details associated with the first and the second trading partners, respectively;

publishing the first and second configuration details to at least one Web site;

creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first trading partner;

creating, at the first trading partner, a trading partner record for the second trading partner;

retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner from the Web site;

retrieving the configuration details associated with the second trading partner from the Web site;

populating the trading partner record of the second trading partner with the configuration details associated with the first trading partner; and

populating the trading partner record of the first trading partner with the configuration details associated with the second trading partner.

34.   (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

35.   (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

36. (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing comprises publishing the first configuration details at a first Web site associated with the first trading partner and the second configuration details at a second Web site associated with the second trading partner.

37. (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

38. (Added) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the Web site.

39. (Added) A system comprising:

a first computer system at a first trading partner;

a second computer system at a second trading partner;

the first computer system collecting first configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a first Web site;

the second computer system collecting second configuration details associated with the second trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a second Web site;

the first computer system retrieving the second configuration details from the second Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with the first trading partner using the second configuration details; and

the second computer system retrieving the first configuration details from the first Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with the first trading partner using the first configuration details.